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Reply To : HPR-ID

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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2008 STIP Amendment #7

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your August 22, 2008 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #7 providing for the addition of Congressional earmark project entitled "Lewiston Partnership Project", Key Number 11516.

Because the project is not intermodal in nature and will not affect the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for the requested change.

In regards to the project addressed in ITD's request, I find that:

1. The project qualifies for grouped listing per 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, on this basis, will not require additional public involvement.
2. The project is outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas and therefore Federal quality conformity regulations will not apply (ref. 40 CFR Section 93.126).
3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In addition, because the FHWA and the FTA determined that the Lewis Clark Valley MPO's planning program is now SAFETEA-LU Compliant, the area is again authorized to amend it's existing long range transportation plan and TIP.

In consideration of the above, amendment #7 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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